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STR operators wary of public map

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

One Dysart resident has voiced his concerns around the municipality sharing his home address on a recently-launched digital map. "You're at an elevated risk of crime," said Neal Turgeon, a long-time resident of the Haliburton Highlands, who rents out his residence over the summer months.

Turgeon has been coming to the area since he was a child, and during the COVID-19 pandemic, made the official move to the Gooderham area, where he purchased a property to build his forever home. He and his wife use the property as their primary residence 10 months of the year, and rent the space out over the summer months in an effort to make a little extra cash, and entice visitors to the area. "We've had nothing but great experiences," said Turgeon, of his renters thus far. "I've never had a complaint. In fact,

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Canada Post refuses overtime

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

While talks of a potential Canada Post strike have been in the works for weeks, on Friday, May 23, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) have shared that a full strike is not on the radar for the time being. Instead, they will refuse all overtime beyond eight hours a day and 40 hours a week.

"At this time, the union has decided to proceed with an overtime ban to minimize disruptions to the public and lost days for members," the union said in a statement.

This current rebuttal is a part of the ongoing negotiations between the Crown and the CUPW, which first came to the spotlight in November of last year, when 55,000 Canada Post workers went on strike for 32 days leading up to the holiday season.

At the time, former Labour Minister Steve MacKinnon ordered postal workers back to the job, which extended the existing collective agreement, allowing for another opportunity for dialogue around the sticking points.

Despite ongoing discussions, the two sides remain at odds over a number of issues, including wages, benefits, and holiday deliveries. CUPW had asked for a wage increase of 19 per cent over four years, with Canada Post suggesting 13.59 per cent over four years. Neither party is budging on the numbers at the time of press.

The other major issue was weekend shifts, which both the Crown and CUPW agree should happen, with the former wanting part-time workers, and the latter seeking full-time staff.

For the time being, regular mail will continue status quo, though there is concern around the trepidatious nature of the strike in the coming weeks. If delivery services should halt, the *Minden Times* and the *Haliburton Echo* will communicate with subscribers accordingly. The papers will continue to report on the story as information becomes available.

While the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) has not opted for a full-on strike at this time, it is likely that services will be disrupted while dialogue continues around the proposed wage increases. /FILE

Other municipalities following suit with STR map

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I've had the opposite."

This summer will be their third full summer renting out the property, and the couple were eagerly anticipating a fruitful season ahead when they noticed their property was identified on an interactive map that was made available for public viewing.

The map was launched on May 12 via Dysart et al's Facebook page, which was the first time many had seen the image. It provides a birds-eye view of the municipality, with each registered short term rental (STR) highlighted with a yellow arrow, which can be easily zoomed in to see details of the home, the property, and the lakefront.

The post was met with immediate backlash from Facebook users. "Sharing personal information about STRs is a breach of privacy and puts properties and homeowners at risk," said one user. "Make it easy for thieves!" echoed another. Many users, including Turgeon, claimed that the map was made without the homeowners consent.

Turgeon rents his property through the popular rental site Air BnB, which allows for a hefty vetting process to proceed with the booking. "We have lots of conversations leading up to it," he said. "And we keep it professional. All through the same platform." He says that Air BnB does not release the address of the rental until there is a financial commitment, immediately before the renters arrive. For security reasons, the exact address is kept private up until that point.

Dysart's STR program rolled out in October of last year, and required all registered STR operators to retain a license. According to the Dysart website, the reasoning behind the new bylaw is to "ensure that short-term rentals are managed responsibly and enhance the quality of life for everyone in our community."

Hailey Cole, the supervisor for municipal law enforcement, noted that the STR bylaw has been in place since early 2024. During the drafting stages of developing the regulations, Dysart requested that STR operators hang a sign on their property, identifying the unit as an STR. At the time, this was met with backlash.

> ***"I understand that not everyone watches council meetings, but it is the responsibility of the property owner to read the bylaw."***
>
> – Hailey Cole, muncipal law enforcement

"There was a review with other municipalities," said Cole, "and a lot of other municipalities were using these interactive maps." She noted that the proper identification of an STR assists with enforcement matters, and allows neighbouring properties to be aware of the rental properties. "We had questions from real estate groups, wanting to know which properties are STRs," said Cole.

In Bylaw 2024-14, a document in place to regulate and govern operations of STRs, section 5.10 states: "Pursuant to Part IV of the Municipal Act, 2001, issued Licences, along with the licence details may be posted on the municipality's website."

"I understand that not everyone watches council meetings," said Cole, "but it is the responsibility of the property owner to read the bylaw."

When asked about concerns over heightened crime with the information suddenly public, Cole shared that she does not have an informed opinion around the matter. "But I have reached out to other municipalities around Ontario, and they haven't received any issues around the map," she said.

"I'm a huge advocate for doing things properly," said Turgeon. "I encourage every STR operator to be licensed and do the right thing. But it doesn't make sense to me to share the full address." He shared his concern that only individuals who register as STR operators are impacted by the bylaw. "This doesn't even address the illegal operators," he said.

Despite the backlash, Cole noted that the other three lower tier municipalities across the county will be rolling out their STR maps "imminently." While she shared that she is cognizant of the feedback, there are other individuals messaging her directly and praising the map, noting that it could provide additional marketing opportunities for their properties.

Turgeon feels that beyond the safety concerns that arise from sharing property addresses in a public forum, there is also concern around the acceptance and optics of short term renters. "We're a tourism town," he said. "By bringing renters here, we are helping the economy. I'm doing my part. This community has welcomed me with open arms, but this feels like pitting neighbour against neighbour."

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Ideal Supply now has 9,000 square feet of space for their stock of automotive and electrical supply. They have expanded their operation to accommodate new housing builds and renovations in Haliburton and surrounding areas./THOMAS SMITH staff

Ideal Supply: not just auto parts

THOMAS SMITH

Journalist

After conducting market analysis three years ago, Ideal Supply's North Regional Manager Erika Crittenden realized the potential for a stock electrical supplies at their Haliburton location.

With space restraints at their previous location beside the Beer Store, Ideal Supply found a suitable property at 30 Industrial Park Road, which allowed them to build to their desired size.

Crittenden estimates that there are over 70 contractors within the area of Haliburton alone in need of electrical supplies.

She noticed that their Huntsville location services builders and renovators who are at a high capacity of orders. That demand has been travelling east, with new builds and renovations in the Haliburton area. With these new builds, there is the need for electrical supplies.

Their new space is around 9,000 square feet, with a loading bay and a mezzanine on the second floor. With around 2,200 SKUs of electrical stock, the mezzanine was needed for additional floor space. Combined with their stock of automotive supplies from their previous location, the new space was desperately needed in order to expand their Haliburton operation.

Stock numbers of Ideal Supply's Orillia, Huntsville, and Barrie locations were averaged out to decide on Haliburton's supply amount.

Their brand new location is now open to the public, with their grand opening celebration planned for June 18. They have extended their hours to five days per week, purchased another delivery van, and hired a manager for the Haliburton location. Soon, they will be hiring an additional delivery driver to keep up with the demand.

Ready and operating, Crittenden says that they would like time to settle into the new space and flesh out their RF cataloguing system before their official grand opening.

"I'm hoping by June it's beautiful," said Crittenden. She hopes that their driveway will also be paved by June, with a barbecue event for the public. On August 28, Ideal Supply will also be hosting a car show event.

The business is proud of its robust customer service and their delivery policy.

"Our motto now is to just say yes," said Crittenden. "With so many vendors and such a variety of products, we can get anything someone is asking for."

Many of the staff members of their Haliburton location have worked there over 30 years. With that amount of time, their staff is both personable and a wealth of knowledge for their customers.

"People walk in and the staff know you," said Crittenden. "It reminds me of Huntsville 20 years ago."

With Napa Auto Parts operating out of Haliburton for many years, Ideal Supply took over the location in 2012. Known for their extensive stock of automotive parts, they have expanded their electrical stock of electrical supply such as circuit breakers, dimmers, and bulbs. They also carry industrial electrical supply, energy management solutions, and safety equipment.

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They also have machining capabilities and lighting solutions off-site, that can be delivered right to your workshop.

Their finely tuned delivery service is a part of their business model and does not come at an extra charge to account holders in Haliburton County.

Ideal Supply is not just for contractors either. Everyone is welcome to visit for their home needs. The store is fully capable of servicing you, no matter your order size. From breakers, to generators, to brake pads, Ideal Supply has what you need and can be ordered online through ideallink.idealsupply.com.

The business began its operations in Listowel in 1926 through building breadmoulding machines. With transformation of the business from hardware store to automotive supplier and electrical contract supplier, Ideal Supply has grown to be the largest privately-owned wholesale distributors of mechanical, electrical, and industrial supply in Ontario.

Today, Ideal Supply is a part of Groupe Dechenes Inc., and remains committed to their small-town roots and values. With over 30 locations in Ontario and connections to the biggest suppliers such as Napa Auto Parts and Schneider Electric, Ideal Supply is capable of supplying whatever you need to complete your task, across Ontario.

Canada Post strike

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Measles in nearby Lindsay, say public health officials

JAMES MATTHEWS

Journalist

Public health officials are tracing measles exposure at Ross Memorial Hospital in nearby Lindsay.

The Haliburton Kawartha Northumberland Peterborough Public Health unit has confirmed some residents may have been exposed to measles at the hospital's emergency room waiting area and the triage area on May 19 from 1 p.m. until 10 p.m.

The infected individual is not from the health unit's catchment area but was confirmed to be infected with measles while seeking care at the hospital. The individual was unvaccinated and did not acquire the infection locally. The health unit is working closely with the hospital and tracing contacts identified as being in the specified area of the hospital during the same time period.

Dr. Natalie Bocking, the unit's deputy medical officer of health, said people at highest risk will be contacted first as part of the tracing. They are infants, pregnant women, and severely immunocompromised individuals.

Although people who get sick from measles usually recover without treatment, it is important to consider measles can be severe for those who are immunocompromised, including infants, pregnant women, and those with existing medical concerns.

Possible complications of contracting measles include middle ear infections, pneumonia, or swelling of the brain and, occasionally, death in young children. "It's critical that we work together to prevent further spread of this vaccine-preventable disease," Bocking said. "Measles is a serious but preventable illness with the vaccine being over 97 per cent effective after two doses.

"With cases on the rise provincially, it's important that our community is aware and protecting themselves."

The ongoing measles outbreak across the province has been especially difficult for the smaller rural centres.

For each measles infection reported province-wide, an investigation takes place to identify places where people may have been exposed to the virus. Smaller hospitals have to manage the workload associated with emergency department visits, laboratory investigations, imaging, and increased hospital admissions.

Officials at the public health unit told its board of health May 15 that a careful eye continues to be trained on the outbreak's progress.

Bocking said there have been between 150 and 200 new cases of measles every week across the province over about the last month. The majority of those cases have been attributed to an initial outbreak that began last fall.

The outbreak has tallied 1,622 infections in Ontario so far.

Of that number, 94 per cent of patients have never been vaccinated for measles, or have an unknown immunization status.

"This is an outbreak that has been impacting people who are not vaccinated and not protected against the measles virus," Bocking said.

There have been 119 hospitalizations associated with the outbreak. Nine have been intensive care cases. Public Health Ontario has said 84 of that number are children.

> ***"It's critical that we work together to prevent further spread of this vaccine-preventable disease.***
>
> — Dr. Natalie Bocking, deputy medical officer of health

"This is a pretty significant number for our region and the province overall," she said. "The majority of cases continue to be in southwestern Ontario."

There are no cases within the HKNP public health unit's geographic area of responsibility, but there is potential for a case to occur. As such, the health unit continues to prepare for when a case may arise.

Communication efforts have been enhanced across both pre-merger legacy websites and social media channels. Direct contact has been made with recreational camps to ensure operators are aware of how to protect campers and staff.

Bocking said vaccination continues to be the most important way to protect against measles. She asked that health board members when they speak to their colleagues to impress upon them the importance of vaccinations.

"I think we should not be surprised if we do see a case," she said. "We certainly have had individuals that have been exposed in other jurisdictions where a case has been identified. So at the health unit, we continue to plan and prepare for when a case may or will likely arrive."

A board of health member who is fully vaccinated and has been so for many years asked if it's necessary to get a booster vaccine.

"In general, we consider people born before 1970 to be immune to measles because the prevalence of measles at that time was quite high," Bocking said. "So if you had a measles infection, you're presumed to be immune to it."

The standard of having two doses of the vaccine, the first in infancy and the second between four and six years old, wasn't adopted until the late-1990s.

"So there might be a small portion of the public that only received one dose of the MMR vaccine," she said.

That's the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine.

"So if people have a history of one dose of MMR, they're absolutely recommended to get a second dose," Bocking said. "If they're unsure they've had the measles or they're unsure if they have been vaccinated, then they can ask their health care provider for a second dose."

Dr. Thomas Piggott, the health unit's medical officer of health, said children as young as six months old can now get vaccinated.

"It is safe and effective protection," he said. "That's been a question we've received as well."

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The Haliburton Rotary Club has spent a great deal of time cleaning up Skyline Park in Haliburton, and have recently received approval from the MTO for the construction of permanent washrooms on-site. /photo submitted

Skyline Park looks ahead

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Editor

It's a place nearly everyone in the community has visited, seen, or at the very least, heard of.

But Skyline Park has needed a little extra love since the 1950s.

The property is owned by Ontario's Ministry of Transportation (MTO), and has been identified as a provincial rest stop. Created in 1958 by the Premier of the time, Leslie M. Frost, the destination has become a site of derelict, with only basic maintenance and upkeep offered from the MTO.

Enter: Haliburton Rotary. The established organization saw an opportunity to spruce up the site, which, based on location and view, has become a destination for both locals and visitors alike.

"This is probably one of the largest projects that the Haliburton Rotary Club has taken on in its 80 years of existence," said Rotary member Chuck Wheeler, who doubles as the chair of Rotary's Skyline Park Project Committee.

And this isn't an overnight project. Rotary is looking at years down the line.

Over the next three years, the club intends to clean up the site, build new picnic pavilions, infographics highlighting the region's history, Indigenous ties, and natural features, and most recently: permanent washroom facilities.

Currently, the site has access to seasonal outhouses, and with the property owned by the MTO, developing anything on it comes with correspondence and collaboration between the organizations. Luckily, the MTO has given the green light to proceed with new washroom facilities, likely a 2026 project.

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> — Chuck Wheeler, Rotary member

"We are delighted that MTO, the owner of Skyline Park, has stepped up in a big way with funding for the washrooms, one of the key elements of Rotary's Skyline Park initiative," said Wheeler.

Other elements of the project include, but are not limited to:

- Remove trees and brush to improve the view
- Construct extensions to the existing viewing platform
- Create a new upper-viewing platform to accommodate people with mobility issues
- Build two new picnic pavilions with concrete pads and covered roofs
- Provide new benches and picnic tables
- Improve pathways using recycled asphalt which will not erode and is more accessible
- Draw parking lines to indicate regular and handicapped parking spaces
- Create designated bus parking that allows for safe and easy turnaround for tour buses
- Install display boards highlighting our community's history and current attractions
- Improve safety fencing and signage

Wheeler noted that Emmerson Lumber has provided them with a handful of new picnic tables so far, with more to follow. Over 40 Rotary volunteers recently came out to assist with grading and seeding the area, creating an environmentally friendly destination for all visiting.

Approval for the funding of the permanent washrooms came shortly after MPP Laurie Scott secured her role in the past provincial election. " We also want to thank MPP Laurie Scott for her assistance behind the scenes in securing MTO funding," said Rotary member Jerry Walker. "She has been a big supporter of the project from the get-go."

"I want to thank Haliburton Rotary for their dedication to work with MTO to give Skyline Park a much needed makeover and beautification," said Scott. "Congratulations to all the members of Rotary for giving us a clearer view."

While the project has a big future ahead, Wheeler indicated that they are on the cusp of developing a community fundraising campaign. In the meantime, supporting Haliburton Rotary through their annual car draw will go a long way. The Rotary Club also thanked Haliburton County Development Corporation for funding opportunities, as well as a number of local businesses who have provided supplies and resources at discounted rates in an effort to get the defined destination back on the map.

County goes to the people for their future's direction

JAMES MATTHEWS

Journalist

Imagine having a voice in the conversation that determines the direction of your community.

Haliburton County has provided a venue by which residents can give their thoughts about the kind of place they would like to see their home become to 2030. And, as such things are, beyond the next five years.

The 2025-30 Strategic Plan will go toward building what the community will be, quite simply. Such decisions shouldn't be left in the hands of the few, elected or not. And that's where the public is important.

The project's purpose is to develop a comprehensive strategic plan for the to guide county governance, development, and service delivery for the next five years. It will establish the county's vision, mission, goals, and objectives and outline the strategies and actions necessary to achieve them.

That's not something that should be left to only a few people to decide.

An online survey was recently launched to provide an avenue by which residents could contribute their voice. The survey closed May 26.

"We've been pleased with the response to the survey thus far, knowing it takes both time and energy for folks to respond and share their thoughts," said Sue Tiffin, the co-lead on the strategic plan with county Planning Director Elizabeth Purcell.

"Most of the survey responses we have received to date have been through the online survey option. However, some respondents have accessed a paper version instead."

Tiffin said hundreds of people have taken the time to add their voices to the county's social direction. Responses were received from everywhere throughout the county, she said.

"Hundreds of people have responded to the survey so far and have been positive about the opportunity to do so," she said before the portal closed.

There are multiple avenues for residents to engage with county council and staff.

"This is the first strategic plan being developed for the county and so it's really a unique opportunity for residents to have a say in the county's future priorities," Tiffin said. "We are developing this survey internally and we are absolutely listening to and learning from our community with each survey response we receive."

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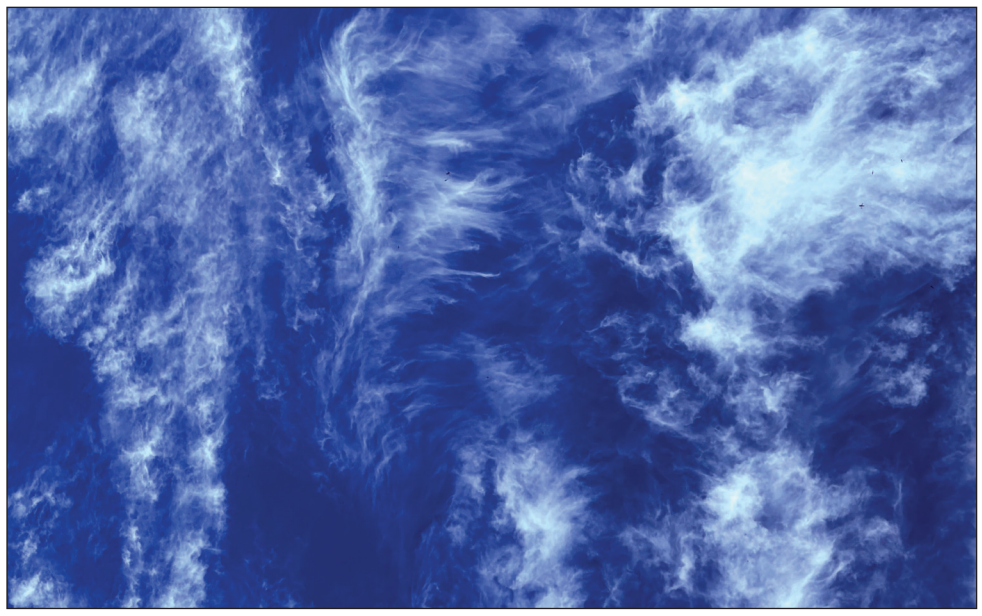

Head in the clouds. /photo by Emily Stonehouse

Editorial

Privacy, please

A GROUP OF Dysart residents have voiced their concerns about their private properties being showcased for all interested online.

And I get it. Their big argument is that counsellors are not sharing their home addresses for all to see. So why should some have their addresses out there while others stay anonymous?

Can we all opt into anonymity? Aren't we all deserving of that?

While I agree that personal addresses shouldn't be made public, it's sparked some good questions about privacy. The hinging point seems to be around consent. Many STR operators understand staying above board. Following rules. We all want what's best for our community.

But you need to ask first.

Emily Stonehouse

In this day and age, privacy doesn't seem to have the overarching, blanketed coverage it once did. While we are busy putting up 'no trespassing' signs on our property, we are simultaneously adding photos and videos to social media, tracking our every move.

Credit cards, online shopping, and cell phones have mitigated privatized access to digital financial security. It's the nature of today's fast paced world. Nearly every week, I receive a message from the OPP, urging individuals to be mindful of their privacy settings in an effort to skirt the scam of the week.

And if the root of the problem lies in consent, what about our kids? We are wading the waters of a generation who has their birth videos posted online. The kid's birth date, weight, and birthing location available to anyone interested with the click of a button; their little personalities are nowhere near any age of consent. They're just focused on holding their heads upright.

We live in a world where privacy is sought more than it is available. I see many sharing thoughts of running away and building a cabin off grid. Ironically, they are sharing these dreams on Facebook, for all to see.

It used to be easy. Life came with an air of anonymity if you so chose it. But when ideas were ushered forward in the name of progress and innovation, we lost fragments of our secure selves.

Privacy is no longer a right, it's a privilege. And while we can do all we can to chase that dream of anonymity online, it would be incredibly difficult to remove all breadcrumbs along the way.

That makes the key concept of consent all the more pertinent these days. While there are whispers and shadows of our existence lingering throughout all our former haunts, the concept of being asked when and where your information can be shared extends beyond a courtesy, and lands in the territory of basic human decency. Perhaps this is a practice all humans should adhere to; common consent for any shared content. Kids included.

We can all do our best to cover our tracks, to be the ones in control of our information, our lives. The least we can do for others is to listen to their needs, and respect their privacy whenever possible.

Because we don't know who's following that trail of breadcrumbs in the forest ahead.

Our road Down

Better now than then

IT WAS the kind of day you wish was every day-or at least for half the year. A soft breeze nudged their skin, pushing a few strands of hair against cheeks warmed by the sparkling sun.

Terry and Sue were sitting on the outside patio of a local eatery, feeling quite luxurious. A specialty coffee and pastry in front of them meant they were in no hurry to leave. Retirement can be like that, they agreed. No pressure to rush through their break. No one to please except themselves. Just sunshine, good company and caffeine mixed with sugar to make life feel pretty darn good.

But it hadn't always been like this and they both knew it. Terry was now a grandparent and had a long memory of all it had taken to reach this time in her life. Sue also had seen tough times before achieving the latte and pastry stage. As they sat and chatted they watched a young woman pushing a toddler in a stroller.

Sharon Lynch

She looked exhausted and frazzled. Very faded jeans and a stained t-shirt attested to many washes and years of wear. With her hair tied back in a thin ponytail, the lines and sallow complexion were evident beneath a forehead wrinkled with concentration, the mouth a tight line of determination. Her small companion was fussing as they travelled along the sidewalk, the tiny feet kicking as he wailed his discontent.

Sue turned to Terry with a knowing look. Been there, done that, her eyes said and Terry nodded in acknowledgement. "I remember counting my change to see if I had enough for a loaf of bread to make the kids' school lunches," Sue said. "And they really hated powdered milk, even when I made it up the night before to improve the taste a little bit. It was such a luxury when I could buy what the kids called 'real milk'."

Terry said the stroller reminded her of the lumpy one with a wobbly wheel she had to deal with because her then-husband didn't want to spend money on what he called 'unnecessary luxuries'.

They sat in silence for a minute, watching the other woman's back retreat down the sidewalk. Finding a patch of grass, one of May's robins hopped about expectantly. The sun shone. The breeze wafted. They sat and remembered.

"Did you ever skip a meal near the end of the month?" Terry posed to Sue.

"No, but I remember getting so darn sick of macaroni and bologna that I would have killed for a big green bowl of salad," she replied.

They both agreed the uncertainty of living on the edge of financial stress had been exhausting. Sue believed people who had never experienced that type of stress simply didn't understand. She told Terry while she herself hadn't done it, she knew a woman who used to visit the big dumpster beside the grocery store at night looking for discarded food. "You'd be amazed what she found sometimes," Sue reported. Terry looked at Sue but said nothing.

Terry knew housing had been a big problem for Sue thirty-some years before. Food and housing, how basic can you get? The little house she had rented had leaking windows that fogged up and a woodstove that would never have passed inspection. No more cold hands and layers of clothing for Sue now. As soon as she landed a job with a realistic salary, she and the kids had been out of there.

Having been friends for all this time, Sue was aware that Terry had lived under the thumb of an abusive partner until, with help, she had summoned the courage to leave. Fear of not being able to support herself and the children had held her back for years. But somehow she had managed and the children were now adults and doing just fine.

Both friends agreed it was good to remember how far they had come over the years. They also knew it hadn't been easy but between their own determination and help from others along the way, their lives had turned around. While hardly luxurious, it now enabled them to do what they were doing right there. Enjoying each other's company in the spring sunshine.

points of view

Puttering

Loon Tales

Steve Galea

ONE OF the main reasons Jenn and I recently moved from the north side of town to a location two kilometres away on the south side of town is because we both come from a long line of people who were really bad at winter migration.

The other reason is because our new house has a garage. Frankly, I needed one.

I am ashamed to admit this, but before this move, my puttering game was awful. In fact, when groups of men gathered and discussed their puttering exploits, as we do, I typically had to sit silently or make up a story about how I once arranged our lawncare implements on a new holder that I had installed.

Puttering is one of those manly skills we rarely write about these days. But when I was growing up, it was a skill that our fathers excelled at.

"Where's dad?" you'd ask.

"Oh, he's puttering in the garage," your mother would proudly say.

And, lo and behold, when you entered the garage, you'd see your dad organizing his collection of rusty screws and bent nails into separate jars or taking apart a perfectly functional lawn mower.

My dad was an expert putterer so I naturally thought that I had the puttering gene.

But, after we moved here and acquired a garage, I realized how bad at it I really was.

It's not entirely my fault. I mean there is only so much puttering a man can do in an eight-by-eight shed, which is what we had at the old place. Honestly, I did an admirable job considering what I had to work with. Heck, I once spent four hours in that shed, looking for a place to hang a garden hose.

The new garage offers so many more great puttering opportunities, however. Last week, at 8 a.m., I went in to get a tape measure. Several days later, I emerged with a full beard and no tape measure. Jenn said I have natural ability.

The garage makes it easy.

The mere act of organizing my workbench could provide two months of serious puttering. If I buy a peg board, it could conceivably take half a year to determine where it goes – and another two months to decide what to I hang from it.

My guess is that puttering has its origins in the ancient caves that our prehistoric ancestors inhabited – or, as I like to call them, the first garages. I suspect it is also the main reason that archaeologists find arrowheads, spear points and other ancient tools in specific places, organized in strange locations around the caves.

These days, people unfamiliar with puttering believe it serves no use. They couldn't be more wrong. Puttering played an important role in growth of human populations. You see, if not for puttering, the males of our species would have spent all their extra time hanging around their womenfolk. This would have led to spending more time trying to impress them by saying things like "Want to see me fight that sabre-toothed tiger!" or, "How am I going to move that huge boulder? Easy, I'll dig a deep hole under its downhill side."

Luckily, puttering caught on. And I am now happy to say I did inherit the puttering gene.

This is fantastic because when done correctly, puttering keeps a man out of trouble. Heck, I spent the last three days trying to sharpen a shovel and I'm no where close to being finished. Which is great, because I promised I'd move a big boulder.

pic *of the* past

Thomas Dunn Gibbs and wife Euphemia (nee Thompson), in Stanhope early 1900 Concession 1 Lot 26 or 27./FILE

Car theft in Dysart et al

Haliburton Highlands OPP are seeking information and any potential video footage from the Tory Hill area during the evening of May 20, 2025, to May 21, 2025. A string of motor vehicle breaks ins, and the theft of a motor vehicle was reported to have taken place throughout the evening of May 20, 2025.

The motor vehicle was taken from an address in Dysart et al on County Road 503. The vehicle is a 2009 blue Subaru Outback with the Ontario plate number BMSV699.

If you have any information or video surveillance footage between the hours of 6:00 p.m on May 20, 2025, and 12:00 p.m. on May 21 2025, in relation to this theft, please call the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122. You can also call Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or message them at www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca, report # (E250645819).

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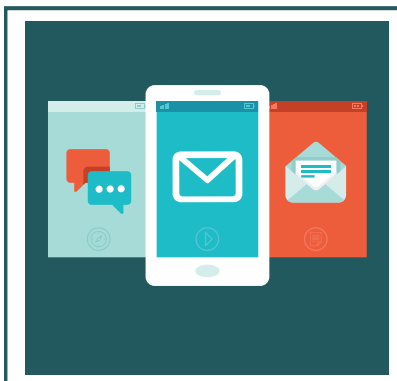

Have a thought, comment or opinion you'd like to share?

Send a letter to the editor to
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Need for speed

The annual Watercross event was held at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre on Saturday, May 24. Despite a drizzly day, riders and spectators spent the day watching the water sports. /TIM YANO staff photographer

Above, members of Minden Pride stand together on May 10 at the Pinestone after the announcement that the organization would be rebranding to Pride in the Highlands, in an effort to be more inclusive. /photo submitted

Pride chair Chris Hewson shared that he is thrilled with the response to the rebrand so far.

Minden Pride becomes Pride in the Highlands

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Editor

A rebrand, a shift, a change, a transformation,

That's the journey Minden Pride is currently on.

Actually, Minden Pride is now a thing of the past. The not-for-profit, volunteer-run organization has now officially renamed themselves Pride in the Highlands; a decision formalized during their Town Hall meeting on May 10. "We thought, 'how can we represent a whole county, while still honouring the origins of Minden Pride,'" said Pride co-chair, Chris Hewson. "Part of our mandate is to ensure we are meeting everyone where they are at."

Minden Pride was formed in 2016, after the tragic shooting at the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando. This event coincided with an act of vandalism in Haliburton village, where a storefront was defaced with homophobic graffiti. With these events in mind, founders Sinclair Russell and Bob Baynton-Smith went to Minden Hills council in an effort to develop an established acknowledgment of local Pride.

The first few years of Minden Pride were comprised of flag raisings and community picnics, but it quickly grew into a week-long event that put Minden on the map; with street parties, trivia nights, drag shows, movie viewings, comedy nights, and more.

Though while the event grew in stature, Hewson noted that the title of 'Minden Pride' was a bit of a "blind spot".

"We had people coming from Gelert, from Haliburton, from Wilberforce, and coming to a Pride with a different name. And then it feels like you're just visiting."

Hewson shared that this was common feedback: the event serviced and represented individuals from all across the county, but perhaps did not represent the county as a whole.

When the organization announced their official rebrand to Pride in the Highlands during their May 10 Town Hall, Hewson said they were met with uproarious applause. "It's been an incredible response so far," he beamed, noting it is a transition period during the rebranding phase. "I couldn't be more thrilled with the response."

As Pride in the Highlands looks forward, they have identified some areas of interest they would like to focus on. Hewson shared that working with the youth of the community is key. "We are looking for ways in which we can create community connections," he said. "And for the youth of our community, there are a lot of gaps in the resources available."

Hewson shared that the registered not-for-profit is also seeking both committee members, as well as volunteers for the coming Pride Week, currently slotted for August 18 to 24 of this coming summer. For more information, visit www.mindenpride.ca.

We want to hear from you!

Help shape the future of Dysart et al by participating in our community survey.

Dysart is reviewing shoreline protection policies of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law. The intent is to permit one (1) building near the shoreline of a waterbody. As part of this update, we will be seeking public feedback in the following ways:

- A survey available between May 15 and June 15, 2025 to collect local perspectives on shoreline development.
- A Public Open House scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 8th, 2025 at the Municipal Office at on 135 Maple Avenue. In-person and virtual participation will be permitted.

Please visit **www.dysartetal.ca/feedback** for further information.

Municipality of Dysart et al

705-457-1740 www.dysartetal.ca

Roadside Brush Collection Program

Zone 4 Pickup information:

If you live within this zone, please place your brush on the roadside for collection by 7:00 am, Monday, June 2nd. Pickup is available on County and Township roads only. To view the pickup zones, visit: https://haliburtoncounty.ca/brushcollection

This program is available to properties that are currently on year-round, municipally maintained roads. To check eligibility, residents are encouraged to review the map and collection schedule at the website below.

More Info:

Website: https://haliburtoncounty.ca/brushcollection

Email: brushcleanup@haliburtoncounty.ca

Collection runs from May 12-June 13

Visit our website for FAQs

Haliburton Highlands

Township of Minden Hills

Bike Share open for the season

The Rotary Club of Haliburton is pleased to announce that our free Bike Share is now open for the season.

The bikes are free for use by all residents and visitors who are 18 years old or older. The bikes can be unlocked with a smart phone and a credit card. The credit card is for security purposes only. Bike rentals are completely free if the bicycles are returned undamaged. Helmets are provided at no cost and users are strongly recommended to use a helmet.

We anticipate most users will cycle along the Rail Trail. Usage of the bikes is limited to Dysart et al. Users may check out a bike for up to three hours at a time.

The bikes are available during daylight hours (currently 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. but the hours of operations will be amended as the days shorten). The Bike Share will be operational until the end of the Thanksgiving weekend when they will be stored indoors for the winter.

Haliburton Rotary would like to thank our exclusive sponsor, Algonquin Outfitters.

Submitted

MPP Laurie Scott visits to celebrate SIRCH OTF Grant

THOMAS SMITH

Journalist

On Tuesday, May 20, SIRCH Community Services welcomed MPP Laurie Scott to discuss the success of their Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) grant. During the tour, Scott was shown their new food preparation equipment and discussed their increased output and importance to health and nutrition of the surrounding communities.

In 2023, the Resilient Communities Fund grant injected $190,000 into SIRCH Community Services' coffers to recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to assist with resilience in the community. A previous family foundation grant through the KTLX Foundation allowed for SIRCH to purchase new freezers, fridges, and a freeze dryer. The OTF grant stretched their efforts to allow the hiring of a kitchen coordinator and a food donation coordinator.

Their goals included expanding monthly meal production to 1,400 units, increasing food donations to their community kitchen program, expanding commercial services, and exploring commercial and community partnerships.

"Over the past two years, we have provided 45,800 meals," said Gena Robertson, executive director of SIRCH Community Service.

SIRCH has increased their free meal program to 1,750 meals per month, gained four distribution partners, and increased their bistro and bakery sales by 18 per cent.

John Marris, an outside evaluator, deemed the project to be highly successful.

"This project has met the key aim of increasing Community Kitchen Meals and in consequence supported the food security needs of county residents living in food poverty," said Marris. Marris also noted that with their increased revenue, SIRCH is closer to financial stability.

"It is incredible what impact they have, $20,000 to $30,000 can be impactful for a small group," said Scott. "It is hard to get that kind of cash."

"You know your communities best," said Scott, noting that their success is due to the dedication of their volunteers.

"I just say thanks," she said.

SIRCH Bistro and Bakery is open from Tuesday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. SIRCH is also always looking for additional volunteers. For those interested in volunteers, please call 705-457-1742 or email info.sirch.on.ca.

Gena Robertson, executive director of SIRCH Community Services, MPP Laurie Scott, Judy Bamford, and John Herald.

MPP Laurie Scott finds a delicious looking, flash-frozen meal prepared by SIRCH for the community. John Herald and Judy Bamford stand besides her. /THOMAS SMITH staff

Red Hawks rise above

Parish Sets Two New COSSA Records

The Red Hawk Track and Field team competed at COSSA at Bruce Faulds Track in Belleville on Thursday, May 22. The rain fell continuously throughout the day and temperatures dipped to single-digits as the winds gusted off lake Ontario.

Red Hawk athletes continued to persevere despite the weather conditions, finishing the day setting two new COSSA records; two new school records and qualifying 21 athletes for OFSAA East Regionals in Ottawa on May 29 and 30.

The rain and wind didn't seem to phase Addyson Parish, who led the team with three first-place COSSA finishes, including a new COSSA record and personal best in the Junior Girls Long Jump with a leap of 5.27 metres, surpassing the mark of 5.14 metres set in 2010 by Belleville's Arielle Fitzgerald. Parish also laid claim to the Junior Girls Triple Jump record with her jump of 11.09 metres, bettering the previous jump of 10.89 metres set in 2014. Parish went on to run a personal best of 12.50 the 80 metre hurdles to take her third COSSA gold.

Novice Boy Jadyn Hamilton also ran some excellent races, nabbing not only the 100 metre COSSA title, but surpassing Fynn Gooley's Novice Boys HHSS record from last year with a blistering run of 11.70 in the prelims. Jadyn also ran to a third-place finish in the 400 metres.

Novice Girl Annika Gervais nabbed her first COSSA gold as she ran away from the field in the 800 metre race. She also ran to a second-place finish in the 400 metre, setting another new school record with her time of 1:04.8, finishing just under Kate Campbell's mark set back in 1996. Gervais also put her name to the HHSS 800 metre record earlier this season.

It was a challenging day for throwers with wet implements and crosswinds, but Luke Gruppe still managed to prevail to take the Novice Boys Discus title, as did Junior Boy Atticus Jorritsma. Cheyenne Degeer rounded out our list of COSSA champions with her determined run and personal best in the 400 metre hurdles, an event new to her this year as a Grade 12 student.

A COSSA silver medal was also won by Degeer in the Senior Girls 400 metre; Graham Backus in the 110 metre Hurdles and 400 metre Hurdles; Fynn Gooley in Junior Boys Long Jump and the Open Girls 4x400 metre relay team of Degeer, Gervais, Erika Hoare and Violet Humphries.

There were some great and gutsy runs from Red Hawk relay teams, who were able to hold on to wet batons and move up in the ranks to all qualify for East Regionals. An excellent show of true Haliburton grit from all athletes.

Despite frigid temperatures and all-day rain, the Hal High track team shone at the COSSA meet in Belleville. /submitted by Karen Gervais

I must go seek some dewdrops here ...

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School recently showcased their rendition of a *Midsummer Night's Dream*, a Shakespearian classic. The play was supported by the youth theatre group, Ctrl-ART-Del, and has been in rehearsals for months before gracing the stage to eager audiences this past weekend. The show had a local student cast and crew, and the students and teachers created and developed their own sets, costumes, and props. /photos submitted

Pirate's treasure washes ashore in Wilberforce

THOMAS SMITH

Journalist

Avast ye, land lubbers and scallywags! Hark the legend of the Pusey Pirates.

The Pusey Lake Pirates plundered the land that is now called Dark Lake. Their disappearance remains a mystery, with tall tales of their crew spreading across both lake and sea. Rumours have spread around, saying that the end of the great crew may be linked to Bartha Webber's broken broom handle (after they attempted to pillage her vegetable garden).

Recently, a chest has been overturned from the pirate crew's hoard. Inside the chest contains the maps necessary to find their treasures.

Mary Barker and Joanna Vanier have been working extensively over the past few months, analyzing the maps found in the chest. The duo have called for all residents, visitors, and interested parties to join forth in their Pirate Booty Treasure Hunt event on Saturday, June 14 at 1 p.m.

All treasure hunters will convene at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre and will be provided with a bag to collect their bounty throughout the day.

Luckily, this event will mark the 10th anniversary celebration of the Geocaching Capital of Canada's GeoTour. This year also marks the 25th anniversary of the first ever geocache, buried by Dave Ulmer of Beavercreek, Oregon.

Treasure hunters are asked to bring a potato or a carrot to begin the treasure hunt. Participants must also pay a $5 fee that goes towards the price of supplies for the day and the upkeep of the GeoTour.

Vanier says that many businesses, local residents, and volunteers are ready to assist treasure hunters throughout the treasure hunt in Wilberforce. Like any good pirate, participants are encouraged to wear their finest pirate gear and speak like a pirate.

While they do not want any sword fights breaking out, the organizers are excited for everyone to play their part as pirates.

The Geocaching Capital of Canada project began in 2006 with a collaboration between the Algonquin Gateway Business Association. The Geocaching Capital of Canada consists of seven hamlets including Cardiff, Gooderham, Harcourt, Highland Grove, Irondale, Tory Hill, and Wilberforce.

With 100 geocache locations for their GeoTour, the response from the public has been exceptional. The Geocaching Capital of Canada has become one of the favourite GeoTours based in Canada and their mascot, Tupper T. Turtle has become a recognizable figure in the geocaching community.

Yearning for more caches, 50 additional geocache locations were added to their GeoTour in 2017 to celebrate Canada's sesquicentennial.

Celebrity geocaches can be found throughout the area added by celebrities like Johnny Harris and "Hurricane" Hazel McCallion, former mayor of Mississauga.

The treasure hunt will be a geocaching event cache. The event is set to attract geocachers from all over Ontario and is open for everyone to participate. From young kids, to entire families, and adult geocachers, everyone is welcome to participate in the Pirate Booty Treasure Hunt event and find the Pusey Pirate's treasure.

Tupper T. Turtle will also be making an appearance at the event and is looking forward to taking photos with anyone who wants one.

Municipality of Dysart et al
Tenders

The Municipality of Dysart et al invites vendors to submit bids for any or all tenders:

- **2025-PW-10 Winter Sand Screening**
  There is a mandatory site meeting requirement for this bid opportunity on May 29th, 2025.
  Visit Bids and Tenders for further information
  (Closes June 11th, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.)
- **2025-PW-11 Cleaning, Flushing & CCTV Inspection of Pipe Sewers, Catch Basins & Maintenance Holes**
  (Closes June 11th, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.)
- **2025-PW-12 Replacement of Two (2) Highway Bridges**
  (Closes June 13th, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.)

Register at no cost, view all bid opportunities, and submit your bid online at:
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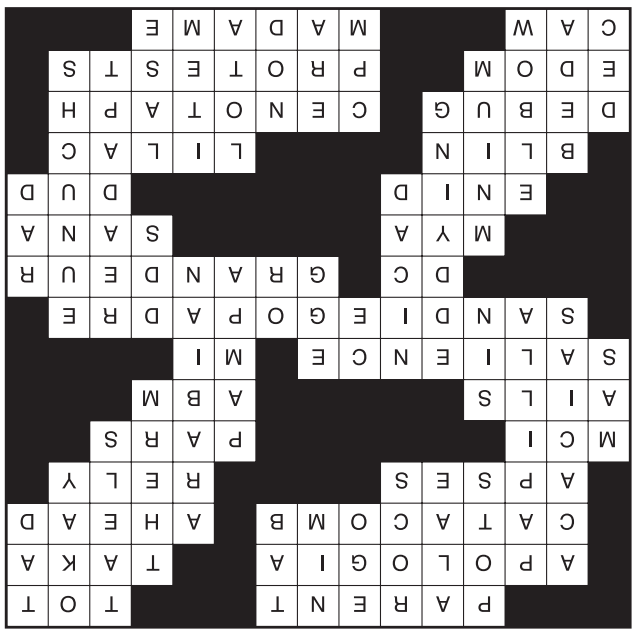

Movie Club set to meet at Cardiff library

THOMAS SMITH

Journalist

The Cardiff Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) is seeking all movie fans to come out for their brand new Movie Club.

Started by Rosemary Wynott, a staff member of the HCPL and a local cinema aficionado, the Movie Club event encourages people to come out and discuss directors, films, actors, and genres of all types. Movie award categories will be the opening discussion of Movie Club on June 14.

"DVDs are popular items to borrow from the library," said Wynott. "I know that book clubs are a great way for book lovers to talk about what they are reading and what they might read next, so I figured, why not movies as well?"

While science fiction is her favourite genre, Wynott says that no genre of film is off the table for the Movie Club.

"The plan is to explore a topic selected at the previous meeting - rabbit holes included," said Wynott. "As convenor I'll have a "quick start" activity on hand to help attendees warm up to commenting and questioning."

Wynott says that many people assume that movies are not a 'high brow' art form when compared to books.

"If you are not a reader, you can still gain a significant experience from a movie," said Wynott.

With the Movie Club, Wynott hopes that participants share their favourite movies with the others and discuss which HCPL locations have the DVDs available.

"Movies allow me to explore people, places, and things I wouldn't normally have access to," said Wynott.

If there is enough demand for the event, there is no reason for it to be limited to the Cardiff branch of the HCPL, says Wynott. The program can be run at any library branch, such as Haliburton.

There is no fee to participate. The Movie Club is the perfect event to escape the heat of the summer and discuss your favourite movies and actors with fellow cinema lovers.

The Movie Club is set to run on the second Saturday of every month at the Cardiff branch of the HCPL from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Just in thyme

Sebastian and Yuki Renel have officially opened up their second Rising Thymes store in Haliburton. The first one opened in Minden a few years ago, and now the duo have expanded to serve Haliburton as well. The shop is a health food store with natural products, as well as a refillery station, and is located at the end of Industrial Park Road, across from HCDC. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff

Running in the rain

The annual elementary school track and field meet in Haliburton faced a day of drizzle and sunshine, as track stars from across the county came to compete this past weekend. With competitive events in running, jumping, throwing, and skipping, the fun-filled day allowed for the young athletes so show off their skills, and meet kids from neighbouring schools. /ADAM FRISK Special to the *Echo*

Dare to dream

The Highlands Chamber Orchestra hosted an intimate performance on Saturday at the Pinestone Resort. The performance, titled *Dreams of Faraway Lands*, highlighted works by several renowned composers, including John Barry. /ADAM FRISK Special to the *Echo*

Percussionist Marcia Mandel smiles during the Highlands Chamber Orchestra performance.

Highlands Chamber Orchestra Conductor Dan Manley guides musicians during a performance at the Pinestone Resort.

Flute player Tom Regina performs.

Bassist Kelsey Redman performs during the Highlands Chamber Orchestra.

Highlands Chamber Orchestra members perform .

Ted Brandon plays the trombone.

Explorers of all ages are welcome to attend the 24-hour Bioblitz, or participate in one of the guided hikes over the weekend. /photo submitted

During the last Bioblitz in 2017, citizen scientists were able to identify 716 different species in Dahl Forest. /photo submitted

Bioblitz sets snapshot of forest life

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Editor

Calling all citizen scientists!

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust has announced that they will be hosting the second Bioblitz on June 21 and 22 this year.

The 24-hour event is a mad dash to seek and identify as many species as possible across a swath of land. The first local Bioblitz was held in 2017 in Dahl Forest, which garnered a discovery of 716 species within the 24-hour time slot. "People come from all over," said Adrian Martin, the communications manager for the Land Trust. "Anyone can come to join in on the fun."

Martin shared that while there are experts and biologists who flock to the event, it's also open to anyone interested in learning more about the biodiversity and ecology of the forest. This year, scientists will be tackling the 600 acres of Barnum Creek. "The Bioblitz gives us a lot of data, and a snapshot of time for diversity," said Martin. "This sets a baseline for us to understand things like the health of the ecosystem, migration patterns, climate change, and invasive species."

And it's not just for accredited scientists. The Land Trust has coordinated six guided hikes over the course of the weekend, to encourage people of all ages to explore the forest. Some of the hikes include wildflower, bird, and tree identification walks, as well as a night-time hike to pinpoint the nocturnal critters of the woods. "Everyone can be a part of the action," said Martin.

He also noted that citizen scientists are welcome to take part in the actual identification portion of the blitz, and are shown how to use the phone app called iNaturalist, which helps to keep track of the variety of species in the forest.

"Our place at the transition zone between the northern and southern bioregions of Ontario gifts us an abundance of biodiversity and natural wealth," says the Land Trust website. "Our Bioblitz events are a celebration of these gifts, providing an opportunity for our community to connect with each other and the land, while learning about nature conservation from top experts from across the province."

All are welcome to join. Registration for the Bioblitz is not required, but pre-registration is encouraged for the formal hikes taking part over the weekend.

The Bioblitz kicks off at 11:15 on June 21 and runs for 24 hours. For more information, visit www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

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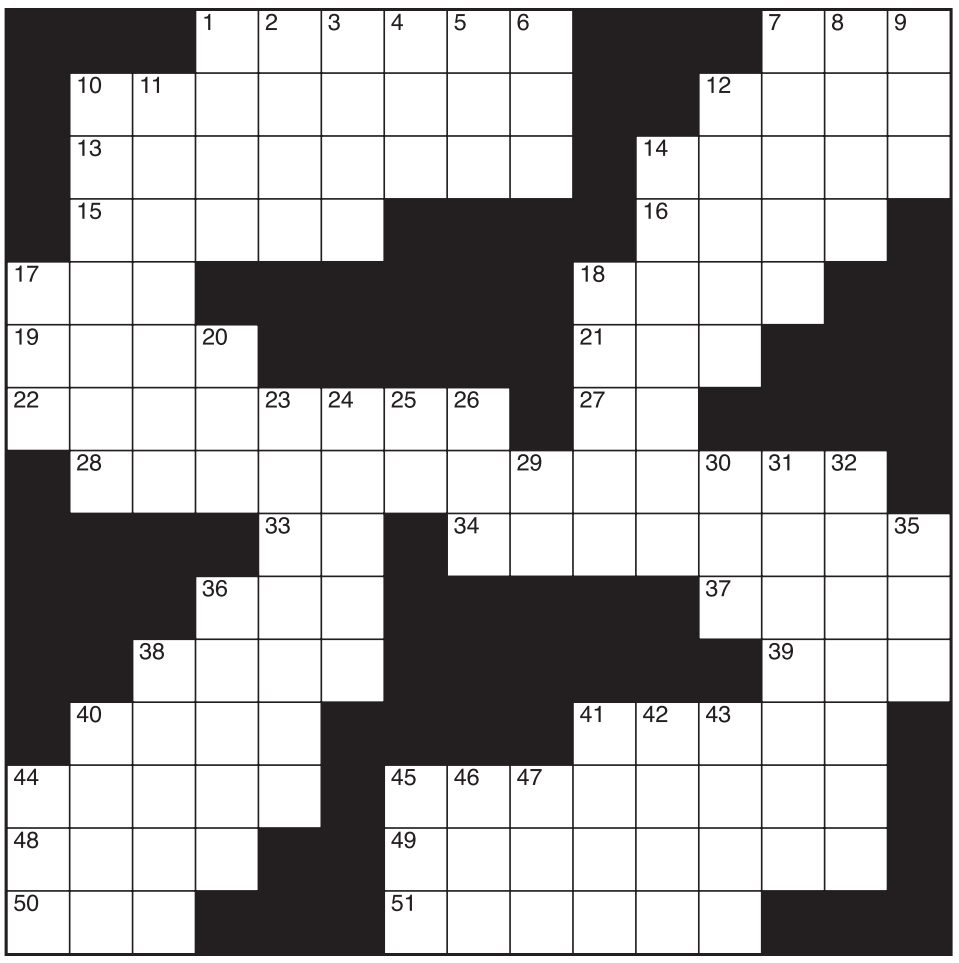
One stop shop

Castle Antiques & Cafe hosted its first Artisan Market on Saturday May 17, featuring arts and crafts from local artists. Saturday's market was the first of many to come over the summer, happening on Tuesdays between 10 to 2 p.m. to coincide with the Haliburton Farmers' Market and will feature more than a dozen vendors. /ADAM FRISK Special to the *Echo*

Brooke of Brooke Gooley Designs poses for a photo during the artisan market at Castle.

People browse the handful of vendors at Castle Antiques & Cafe's Artisan Market.

Denise Hayden-Glecoff poses with her vintage art and watercolours at Castle's artisan market.



CLUES ACROSS
1. Bring up
7. Child
10. Formal written defense
12. Bangladeshi currency
13. Burial site
14. In the lead
15. Large recesses in a church
16. Count on
17. Defunct phone company
18. Golf scores
19. Afflicts
21. Defensive nuclear weapon
22. Prominence
27. "The Great Lakes State"
28. SoCal ballplayer
33. Location of White House
34. Magnificence
36. Hip hop songstress
37. Capital of Yemen
38. __ Blyton, children's author
39. Bomb
40. Pancake made of buckwheat flour
41. Pinkish-violet color
44. A way to make right
45. Monument to one buried elsewhere
48. Region south of Dead Sea
49. Acts out against
50. Harsh cry of a crow
51. Formal title for a woman

CLUES DOWN
1. Kitchen devices
2. Wings
3. Mythological birds
4. Everyone has one
5. Matchstick game
6. Bar bill
7. Weights
8. Satisfactorily
9. Small amount
10. Tree types
11. Small protuberances
12. Equivalent of 100K BTU
14. Type of horse
17. More (Spanish)
18. Argentinian province
20. A bad act
23. Moving in a circular way
24. Battery type
25. Atomic #58
26. Popular breakfast food
29. An alternative
30. Tooth caregiver
31. A way to conform
32. Disfigured men
35. Cool!
36. Genus of mosses
38. Body part
40. Kashmiri people
41. Round water pot
42. Something to purchase
43. Emit coherent radiation
44. Indicates 10
45. Advertising metric
46. Pitching stat
47. Head movement

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Community Coffee House; the importance of the arts

Xavier Massé, Dean of the Haliburton School of Art and Design will lead a discussion with the title "Who We ART: Why is Art Crucial to Mankind's Existence", at a Community Coffee House to be held on the evening of Tuesday, June 3 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Schofield Room of the Haliburton Legion.

As a designer with expertise in a variety of media, an educator and international educational administrator with a focus on curriculum and program development in the collaborative fields of advertising, project management and interactive design, and now in his role with the Haliburton School of Art and Design, Xavier is sure to bring some interesting perspectives to the discussion of the topic of the arts, a subject dear to the hearts of creative spirits of so many in this community.

These Coffee House sessions always begin with a half hour of live music, this month provided by local singer/songwriter Thom Lambert, heard by many of you on Canoe FM and familiar to those who have attended the Haliburton Folk Society's Winter Camp, for which he has been Musical Director over the past 10 years.

Previous presentations under the overarching theme of this series of Coffee Houses of "Making Our Communities Better Places" have included Finding One's Own Power to be a source for change in our communities, The Power of One related to the environment, Creating Places of Support in the field of Youth Mental Health and Social Media, Supporting our Youth in Challenging Times, Addictions, Metabolic Flexibility, Mindful Nature Connections, and the Importance of Mental Health.

These gatherings are free of charge, with no need for advance registration, open to all, with light refreshments available, and are hosted by the Baha'is of Haliburton to provide a place for safe and healthy discussion on issues of interest in the support and building of community.

Submitted

Telling our Stories

The Thursday, June 12 "Telling Our Stories" Speakers Series presentation features Steve Paikin, the host of TVO's flagship current affairs program, *The Agenda with Steve Paikin.* Mr. Paikin's topic is titled *The Man Behind the Myth - An Intimate Biography of John Turner.* In addition to his role as a TV journalist and personality, Mr. Paikin is also an author and wrote John Turner's biography. Mr. Turner, of course, was the Prime Minister of Canada in 1984 for only 79 short but impactful days. Mr. Paikin also co-hosts the weekly provincial affairs *#onpoli* podcast and recently moderated the English language Federal Leaders debate. He's also a resilient Leafs fan!

As ticket sales for this presentation have exceeded the capacity of our regular venue, we have moved the presentation to Pinestone Resort on County Road 21. Due to this change to a larger facility, tickets are still available. Also, please note that this presentation will be Thursday, June 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. and not our usual Wednesday night.

The Speakers Series is a member of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative. Admission is $15/person payable at the door or online at www.tellingourstories.company.site.

As seating is limited, pre-registration is highly recommended. To obtain tickets, contact Barrie Martin at 705-457-7557 or by email at barrieinthehighlands@gmail.com

Submitted

Pap-a-Palooza, cervical screening event

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To book your appointment please call 705-286-2140 extension 3902.

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Submitted

Calling all storytellers

JANET TRULL

Guest Columnist

Everyone has a story to tell! Folks in the Highlands have long been known for their storytelling skills, and Story Circle on Canoe FM provides an opportunity for writers to have their stories broadcast on the radio. Let's fill the airwaves with tales that reflect the special qualities of life in Haliburton County. Do you have a humorous story about cottage life or a harrowing hunt camp experience? A first kiss at one of the local summer camps? A lesson from Gramps on how to drive the tin boat?

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Listeners can tune into Story Circle on Monday mornings during the hour following 11 a.m. Or check out www.canoefm.com. Click on "Interviews and Recorded Programs". Scroll down and look for Story Circle where you can hear a wide variety of local voices to inspire you. Story Circle is supported by the Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands, and the team looks forward to reading your submissions.

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NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- **DATE:** Wednesday, June 11th, 2025
- **TIME:** 11:00 am.
- **LOCATION:** The Committee of Adjustment meeting will be held in the Council Chambers and electronically via Zoom. The meeting will be live streamed to YouTube.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-2025-009 Doiron

   - The following variances are requested to permit an increase to the maximum lot coverage and maximum shoreland lot coverage on a property in the WR4 zone:

     a) A variance to section 5.2 to permit the maximum lot coverage to be 19.2% as opposed to the permitted maximum of 15%.

     b) A variance to section 5.2 to permit the maximum shoreland lot coverage to be 18% as opposed to the permitted maximum of 15%.

   - Location: Part Lot 26, Concession 11, Lot 100, Plan 500 in the Geographic Township of Harcourt, in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
     Roll No. 030-000-72400 – 1042 Barbara Road

2. D13-MV-2025-010 Wheeler

   - The following variances are requested to permit a single family dwelling to have an increased structure height and a trailer to be located on a property in the RR-5 zone:

     a) A variance to section 5.2 to permit a single family dwelling to have a maximum structure height of 11.5 metres (37.7 feet) as opposed to the permitted maximum of 9.5 metres (31.2 feet).

     b) A variance to section 3.4(b) to permit a trailer to be occupied by the owner of the lot and/or their family for not more than 70 months (5 years, 10 months) as opposed to the permitted maximum of 12 months (1 year) where a new dwelling is being constructed and a building permit is issued.

   - Location: Part Lot 27, Concession 5, Part 2, Plan 19R-3109, in the Geographic Township of Guilford, in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
     Roll No. 041-000-13715 – 3103 Haliburton Lake Road

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A COPY OF THE DECISION will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary-Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, and electronic meeting process is available from the Planning and Land Information Department at the Municipal Office by appointment only (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

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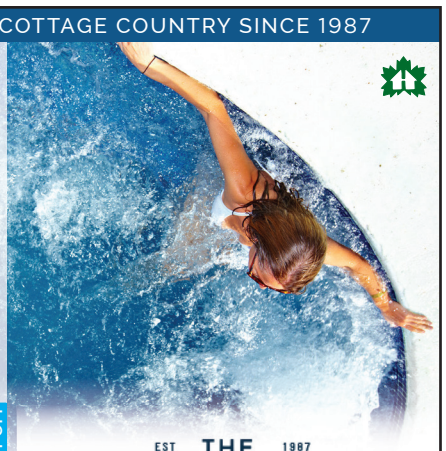

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Wendy Joyce Wilkins

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Wendy curated a life dedicated to community service, passion for nature, and a love of creativity. Wendy took advantage of the opportunities provided by the Haliburton School Art + Design, filling her days and her home with wonderful creations. If you were looking for her, you would probably find her immersed in her garden or quietly volunteering for one of the many service clubs and cultural organizations in the community.

Wendy is the daughter of Ernest Taylor Wilkins and Dorothy (Babe) Cope Thompson. She is survived by her three children, Lorry Brandon (Ted), Warren Perry (Kerrie), and Sheldon Perry (Anne), and her grandchildren: Samantha, Benjamin, Matthew, Connor, Daniel, and Hannah.

A private service will be held for the family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Doctors Without Borders, an organization Wendy felt strongly about, or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

In Loving Memory of

Murray Wesley Cooper

Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre with his family at his side on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at the age of 76.

Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre with his family at his side on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at the age of 76.

Beloved husband and best friend of Zelda Cooper (nee Sisson). Dear father of Karen (James), Toni (Traviss) and Tina. Best friend of Russell Morrison. Loving poppa of Andrew (Jade), Dalton (Kimmy), Tianna (Justin), Cassie (Andrew), Shelby (Quintin), Daniel (Timber) and Alexandria (deceased). Great poppa of Sierra, Jordyn, Danika, Mackenzie, Wesley and Skylar. Son of the late Ray and Mae Cooper. Dear brother of Carolyn (Claude), Darlene (David) and Pam (Steve). Lifelong friend of Russell Sisson. Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, his Hydro, Curling, Fishing and Hunting buddies.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the West Guilford Community Centre, 1061 Kennisis Lake Rd., West Guilford, Ontario K0M 2S0 on Saturday, June 14, 2025 from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the West Guilford Community Centre, Minden Curling Club, Haliburton Forest Wildlife Fishing Society (all by cheque only) or the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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Edward "Ed" Pickard

Resident of Haliburton

It is with deep love and fond remembrance that the family of Edward "Ed" Pickard announces his peaceful passing surrounded by family on May 15, 2025, at the age of 91.

Born on June 14, 1933, in Toronto, Ontario, Ed was the eldest of three children born to Celia and Byron Pickard. From an early age, he demonstrated a strong sense of duty and service, which led to a distinguished 29-year career as an officer in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. His commitment to community continued well beyond his retirement, especially through his dedicated involvement with the Royal Canadian Legion, where he once served proudly as Legion President.

A man of many talents, Ed held a pilot's license and never lost his love for flying. However, it was music that truly fueled his spirit. A skilled accordion player, Ed was known to bring joy wherever he went—often traveling to seniors' homes to perform, and always ready to spark a sing-along at family gatherings or community events. He was the life and soul of every room he entered, his accordion never far from reach.

Ed was predeceased by his beloved wife, Billy Pickard, with whom he shared many cherished years. In recent years, he found companionship and joy once again with his loving partner, Joan.

He leaves behind his children, Wendy, Pat, John, and Rick, and his five treasured grandchildren: George, Cameron, Lauren, Tim, and Mark. His family, whom he held closest to his heart, will remember him for his warmth, humour, stories, and the music that made even ordinary days feel special.

Memorial Service

Friends were invited to gather for a celebration of Ed's life at the **ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH** 129 719 Mountain St, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 on Friday, May 23, 2025, at 1:00 pm. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Legion Branch 129 would be appreciated by the family. Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME**, 13523 Hwy. #118 Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0 (705) 457-9209

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Lois Emmerson

Resident of Haliburton

It is with deep love and fond remembrance that the family of Lois Marilyn June Emmerson announce her peaceful passing, surrounded by family, on May 22, 2025, at the age of 90.

Born on October 5, 1934, in Weston, Ontario, Lois was the youngest of five children born to Elsie and William Orrin Bailey. She began her schooling in the close-knit community of Eagle Lake and later attended high school in Haliburton, a place that remained dear to her heart.

Beyond her many professional accomplishments, she lived a life deeply rooted in her Christian faith. Her beliefs were not just spoken but lived out daily through her generosity, integrity, and the quiet way she lifted others.

Lois loved spending time with friends and family. Whether gathered around a bridge table or sharing heartfelt conversations, she found joy in connection and community.

Lois was predeceased by her husband, William (Bill) Emmerson. She leaves behind her children Cheryl (Pat), Kim (Linda), Laureen (Jim), and Janice (Kevin). Also, her beloved grandchildren Erin (Dawson), Meghan (Adam), Ryan (Jenn), Haley (Matt), Adam, Amy, Alycia (Matt), Krystal, and Andrew. And finally her cherished great-grandchildren Hadlyn, Hudson, Harlowe, Sullivan, Olivia, Ashton, Brooks, Bennett, and Charlie.

"To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." 2 Corinthians vs 5-8

Visitation and Funeral Service

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118 Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0 (705) 457-9202 Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 12:00 (noon) for a service in Lois' memory (Visitation 2 hours prior.) As an expression of sympathy, donations in Lois' memory can be made to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

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Boyd Carr caught a 14¼ lb lake trout when he was fishing on Lake Kashagawigamog last week. For details, see page 6.

Grade 7 and 8 students showed off their achievements at a fashion show last Thursday night. for details see page 15.

The long holiday weekend brought spring cleaning and garage sales to the area. For details, see page 16.

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Canada World Youth is coming

14 youths to arrive

by MARTHA PERKINS
Staff Reporter

NOT EVERYONE gets the chance to visit a different country to learn about its geography, history and culture, but for three months later this summer, the people of Haliburton will get a glimpse of another country without even having to leave their own village.

A Canada World Youth exchange program is being started in Haliburton for the first time, with 14 young people from Ontario and Pakistan arriving towards the end of July to spend the next three months living and working in the community. Haliburtonians will be able to learn more about them just as they will get a first-hand view of what it is like to live in a small tourist town.

"In every sense, it is an exchange that fully involves the community," says CWY group leader, Sharry Aiken, who will be spending the

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CWY group leader Sharry Aiken is already lining up billets and work

Minden hit with an 11 percent tax hike

Ratepayers in Anson, Hindon and Minden will face a tax increase of just over 11 percent this year, although the municipal portion of the total property tax bill is up only 7.78 percent.

Two key factors in the size of the overall increase are the county levy and the cost of education. Local municipalities agreed to fund part of the cost of a new continuing care unit at Haliburton Hospital through the county levy, and the result is an increase of 34.67 percent in the county portion of the total mill rate. Education taxes also will rise, by 2.38 percent for elementary schools and by 19.66 percent for secondary schools, resulting in a total residential mill rate of 672.213, compared with 605.563 last year. (One mill raise one dollar per thousand dollars of assessment). This is the lowest mill rate figure, and does not include the cost streetlights, fire protection, water supply and the water reservoir for those ratepayers who make use of these municipal services. The highest overall residential mill rate is 729.213 in Area 1 of the municipality, and other rates are less, depending on the services received. Commercial and industrial mill rates range from a low of 790.84 to a high of 857.899.

The budget was formally adopted by council at a special meeting last Thursday, and while councillors were satisfied the municipal budget was a lean as it could reasonably be, they were unhappy with the size of the overall mill rate increase.

"I don't like to see those double figures" deputy reeve Bern Berry commented as the mill rate chart was distributed.

At an earlier meeting, council ex-

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Glamorgan tax increase due to county, education

by MARTHA PERKINS
Staff Reporter

Taxpayers in Glamorgan will be seeing a 8.5 per cent increase in their mill rate this year, but the township's clerk-treasurer says good money management has meant the township's own increase was only 1 per cent. The county and the Board of Education can be blamed for most of the increase, she says.

"With a little careful management," Glamorgan was able to keep its budget well in line with last year's, says Elva Bates, but the county increased its demands by 27 per cent, and the Board of Education wants 2.5 per cent more for elementary school maintenance and 20 per cent more to run the highschool. When you calculate out what all those figures mean, the real increase to the taxpayers is 8.5 per cent.

What's even better about the municipality's low increase, Mrs. Bates adds, is that it is still able to go ahead with many of its improvement plans, some of which are already underway. She also thinks it's interesting to note that at a time when the Board of Education is talking about closing the Glamorgan school because it says the school is too expensive to operate, the elementary school mill rate will hardly increase while there is such a big jump in the highschool rate.

Of an 8.5 percent increase, municipality accounts for 1 percent

In this year's budget, which was passed last Tuesday night by council, the municipality has allocated funds to finish paying for the new municipal office complex, complete road work in Gooderham, do a major up-dating of the zoning by-laws, extend the boundaries of its land fill site and start upgrading the park near the community centre.

"In any small municipality like this, council looks ahead to the end of their term," says Mrs. Bates, who is pleased with what has been done with the new budget. "It may be an unconscious exercise, but I think all councils have some foresight in their budgeting."

Of the funds allocated for the coming year is $68,000 to finish construction of the new municipal office which is next door to the present run-down facilities. A year and a half ago, just as council was beginning its term, a carpenter was asked to fix a leaky roof and upon closer inspection, advised council the building wasn't worth spending any money on. After considering the amount of funds in its different reserves and finding government programs it could apply for, council decided to go ahead and build a new office which will also house the library.

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Bruce Spanworm infests county

by KEITH SCHAEFER
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County is facing its worst infestation of Bruce Spanworm ever. This little bug eats away at the leaves of trees, especially maple sugar trees. Trees in the northern part of the county have been especially hard hit by the Spanworm.

"I've never seen it this bad," said Gary Clement, extension technician for the Ministry of Natural Resources in Minden. "I've had up to 40 calls a day from cottagers who have come up, and see the damage right away and want to know what's going on.

"But I don't feel it will kill a lot of trees. If the trees are weak, the Bruce Spanworm might push them over the edge. The hardest hit trees will be the ones 15 to 30 centimetres."

A tree has to be totally defoliated for two years before it will die, Clement said.

The bug has cycles in this area of 10 years. Currently we are in the fourth year of the cycle, and Clement expects it to peak this year.

"There are lots of natural controls to this bug. A black beetle called the ground beetle is coming on strong now. It eats them up pretty good. Other parasites destroy Spanworm eggs, and there is a virus they are susceptible to that kills a lot of them." Clement said.

The Spanworm has almost finished eating now, and have started to fall to the ground to pupate. The larvae forms a moss on the rocks, which are prey to predators also, such as mice and shrews.

Warm weather encourages the moss to grow, so it can usually be found on the south side of trees and hills.

He emphasized the ministry has had nothing to do with any species being introduced into the area to combat the Spanworm problem. As the food supply increases for the predators, the predators increase.

The problem isn't so severe to warrant introducing anything new. But people who tap trees for sugar in the spring may be concerned. Clement said it might be wise to reduce tapping.

Because of the warm weather we had in April, Clement said the bugs were eating two weeks early this year. As a result, the trees may grow some leaves back before the season is over.

Clement said other bugs in the area include the spring and fall cankerworms and east and west tent caterpillars.

Waterway workers try to keep lake levels high

by KEITH SCHAEFER
Staff Reporter

MOST COTTAGERS have mixed feelings about Mike Jamieson. As the Haliburton area manager for the Trent-Severn-Waterway Waterway, it is his job to make sure the lakes in the county that feed into the waterway are at a high level. For that part of his job, people like him. It's also his job to take water from the Highland lakes and send it down into the canal. That part, well, doesn't make him so popular.

Cottagers in the area want high lake levels so they can boat, water ski, and do other recreational activities on the water in the summer. But they don't want the water so high it will flood them out. Jamieson also wants to keep lake levels high, and goes to great lengths to ensure they are as high as they can possibly be. On the other hand, his job is to feed the canal water, to keep the Trent navigable, and to keep the water moving at a sufficient flow to ensure good water quality. It is a delicate balance, Jamieson says, and with so many factors playing a role in determining what water levels should be, it is no wonder some cottagers get confused and angry when their lake level is down.

"We get phone calls from cottagers everyday," Jamieson says. "People know what their lake is doing. They want to know why it's not full, or why it's overfull when it shouldn't be. A few get irate.

Mike Jamieson and Gary MacDuff lower a log into the Kennisis Lake dam

We explain that we know what we're doing. It's not easy for the average person to understand. A lot do...we fill the lakes in the spring, draw from them in the summer and set them in the winter."

Jamieson welcomes the calls, because they provide a chance to spread the explanation of why he does what he does. And some of the calls are really outrageous.

"People call and ask me why their lake has gone down three metres. Their lake hasn't gone down

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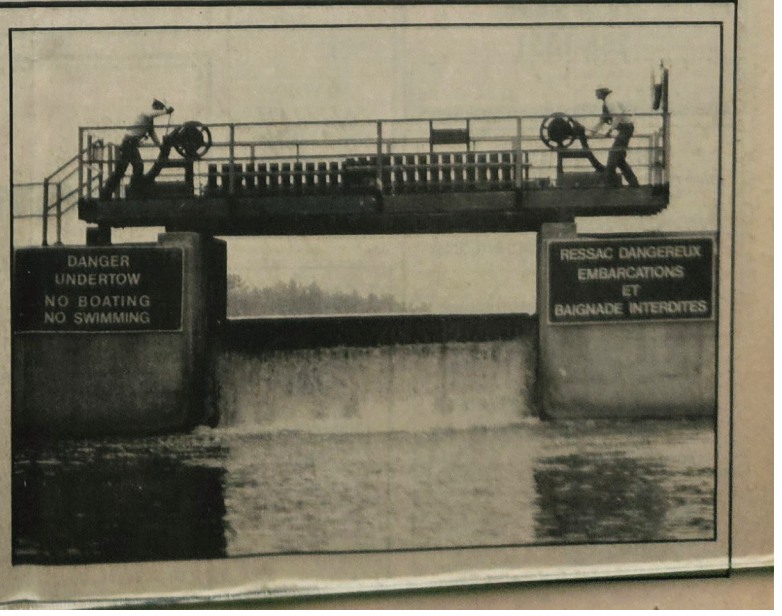

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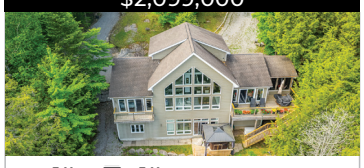
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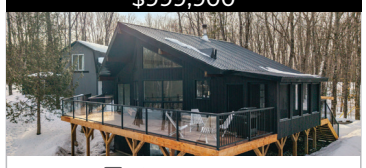
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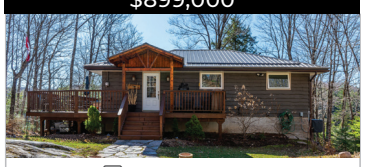
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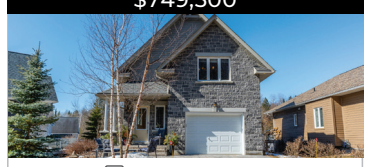
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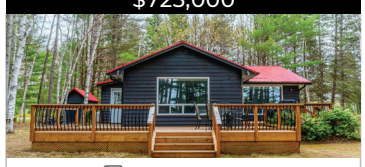
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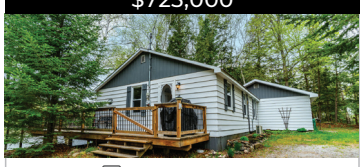
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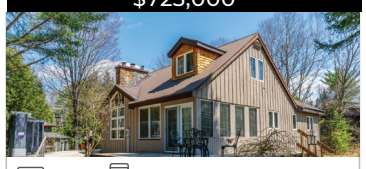
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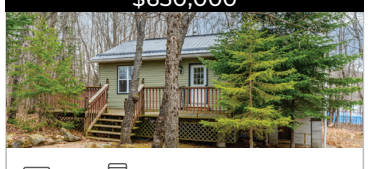
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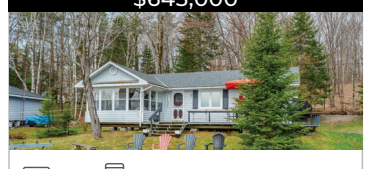
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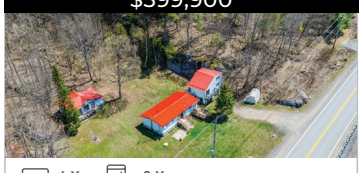
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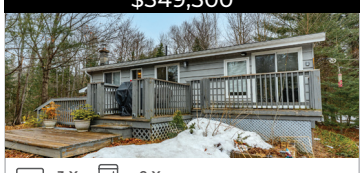
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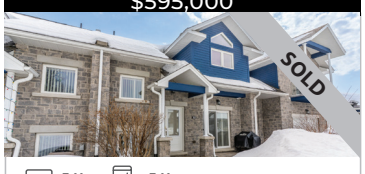

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